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## SELF-GOV'T. TO BEGIN

Some form of government is essential to the well-being and progress of this community. It is important to the colonists that this government be self-government--of the people, by the people, for the people.

We believe in self-government. We believe that this community should be what its residents make it. That's democracy.

Therefore, wheels are being set into motion for the residents to form a self-governing community council. The first and one of the most important steps will be taken next Tuesday night when residents of each block, 18 years or over, will choose by vote two representatives. These in turn will aid in selecting seven from the ranks of 72 block representatives to

draw up, subject to approval by the majority of the colonists, a plan of government.

If this community is a testing ground for democracy, as some people have called it, let it also become an example of democracy. To be successful self-government requires able leaders, men of wisdom, integrity, and sound judgment, men who have the respect and confidence of the people. It is a solemn obligation of all Minidoka colonists of voting age to take part in the government here from the very start and to exercise thoughtful care in selecting the men who will guide the course of their lives at Hunt.

Harry L. Stafford,  
Project Director.

### FARM HANDS TO COMMUTE

Off-project farm work assumed a new aspect this week when it was revealed that colonists desiring outside farm work will be allowed to commute daily to and from their places of employment.

Transportation will be furnished by the employer, Harold James, placement head, stated. However, James indicated that employment of this nature will be restricted to emergency harvest work.

This type of employment is limited to new job applicants and those who have already signed contracts and reside outside the project will be ineligible for commuting-labor, James pointed out.

These workers may be required to pay a fee of 25 cents for their meals here, James hinted.

### MASS MEETINGS SCHEDULED IN MOVE TOWARD DEMOCRACY

Preliminary steps toward setting up the machinery of democratic self-government for this colony will be taken next Tuesday when all residents 18 years of age or over will meet in their respective dining halls to indirectly elect a community council organization commission, George L. Townsend, chief of Community Services, announced this week.

Two representatives will be elected from each block to a "congress" which will in turn recommend to the project director seven from among their number to serve as the council organization commission.

Each block manager will open the meeting in his block's dining hall at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and explain the provisions of the WRA administrative instruction No. 34, on

community organized government.

The block manager will conduct the election of a temporary chairman. The chairman then will conduct the election of two block representatives either by a standing vote, a show of hands or any other method decided on at the meeting.

Block managers will have copies of administrative instruction No. 34 which anybody may examine at the block manager's office.

The 72 block representatives (from 36 blocks) will meet at an early date to recommend to the project director seven persons from their ranks for an organization commission. The commission will prepare a plan of government.

When the organization committee has completed its work, arrangements will be made for a ratification of its plan by a majority of qualified voters at a special election. Another election will later be held to choose members of the community council by secret ballot.

Administrative instructions provide that the plan of government shall have a representative legislative body to be known

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### TEN STUDENTS RELOCATED

Ten more students were expected to leave Hunt by the end of this week to continue their studies at approved colleges.

Student relocation certificates were received Wednesday by Carl V. Sandoz, counselor, for Fukumi Ashida and John Okada, Scottsbluff, Neb.; Tetsu Morita,

Frank Sakai, Noboru Tosaya and Hidori Sakamoto, University of Nebraska, Lincoln; William Morita, Washington State College, Pullman; Toru and Kiyoshi Sakahara, Frank Sugino and Roy Yamagishi, University of Utah, Salt Lake City.